

## It's Hard To Keep Up, But Here Are *Some* of Trump's Important Executive Orders

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Since taking office on January 20, President Donald Trump has issued a flood of executive orders. Though not as enduring as laws passed by Congress, because “EOs” can be rescinded by other presidents, they can affect people significantly.

Immediately after his inauguration, Trump released an executive order rescinding 78 of former President Joe Biden's. Of the 78 that Trump nullified, 26 had supported scientific efforts including climate research, public health measures, and technology development. Trump also repealed seven that had promoted racial equality, six that had loosened immigration laws, and five intended to combat anti-LGBTQ+ discrimination.

Also on Inauguration Day, despite the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment, Trump issued an order attempting to limit who is considered an American citizen at birth. According to the order on the official White House website, a child is not considered a citizen of the United States “when that person's mother was unlawfully present in the United States and the father was not a United States citizen or lawful permanent resident at the time of said person's birth, or ... when that person's mother's presence in the United States at the time of said person's birth was lawful but temporary ... and the father was not a United States citizen or lawful permanent resident at the time of said person's birth.” Whether this order is legal and enforceable will likely be decided by the courts, along with other issues raised by many of President Trump's executive orders.



President Trump has also released multiple executive orders opposing the acceptance of transgender language and people. One order declares a government definition of gender: “It is the policy of the United States to recognize two sexes, male and female. These sexes are not changeable and are grounded in fundamental and incontrovertible reality.”

A January 29 executive order seeks to prevent schools from teaching socially progressive or so-called “woke” ideas in K-12 schools. Under this order, schools that receive federal funding are required to use the new government definition of gender and to terminate “discriminatory equity ideology” programs. The order reads, “In many cases, innocent children are compelled to adopt identities as either victims or oppressors solely based on their skin color and other immutable characteristics. In other instances, young men and women are made to question whether they were born in the wrong body and whether to view their parents and their reality as enemies to be blamed. These practices not only erode critical thinking but also sow division,

confusion, and distrust, which undermine the very foundations of personal identity and family unity.”

On Valentine’s Day, President Trump ordered that schools requiring students to be vaccinated against Covid would receive no federal funding, which accounts for vastly different percentages of *total* school funding, depending on the state, district, and school. According to that order, “Some school districts and universities continue to coerce children and young adults into taking the COVID-19 vaccine by conditioning their education on it, and others may re-implement such mandates... Given the incredibly low risk of serious COVID-19 illness for children and young adults, threatening to shut them out of an education is an intolerable infringement on personal freedom.”

On March 1, President Trump issued an EO declaring English the official language of the United States and revoking Order 13166, “Improving Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency,” which was issued in 2000.

Trump is taking steps he says will protect Jews from antisemitism. According to a Jan. 29 order, “Jewish students have faced an unrelenting barrage of discrimination; denial of access to campus common areas and facilities, including libraries and classrooms; and intimidation, harassment, and physical threats and assault ... It shall be the policy of the United States to combat anti-Semitism vigorously, using all available and appropriate legal tools, to prosecute, remove, or otherwise hold to account the perpetrators of unlawful anti-Semitic harassment and violence.” This order is in line with the recent Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) decision to arrest and attempt to deport a permanent legal resident, soon to be father, and Columbia University graduate who’d helped organize recent anti-Israel, pro-Palestinian protests at the university.

That Jan. 29 order reaffirms Executive Order 13899, which applies the prohibitions in the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to antisemitic discrimination. It also orders “an inventory and analysis of all pending administrative complaints ... against or involving institutions of higher education alleging civil-rights violations related to or arising from post-October 7, 2023, campus anti-Semitism.”

Trump also officially declared January 27, 2025, as a “National Day of Remembrance of the 80th Anniversary of the Liberation of Auschwitz,” saying, “I call upon every American citizen to observe this day with programs, ceremonies, and prayers commemorating the victims of the Holocaust and honoring the sacrifices of the men and women who helped liberate the victims of the Nazis at Auschwitz.” Trump also released an order making March 9 “U.S. Hostage and Wrongful Detainee Day” in order to “support every American being held in captivity.”

In an EO titled “Restoring Names That Honor American Greatness,” Trump changed the names of many places to “promote the extraordinary heritage of our Nation and ensure future generations of American citizens celebrate the legacy of our American heroes.” This included changing the Gulf of Mexico to the Gulf of America (a change that other countries also

bordering the body of water dispute) and renaming Denali, the highest peak in North America, back to the former to Mount McKinley after President William McKinley.

These are some but not nearly all of the significant executive orders President Trump has issued since his inauguration. For *all* Trump's executive orders, [click here to see them in the Federal Register](#).